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News & events at the Brantford Public Library

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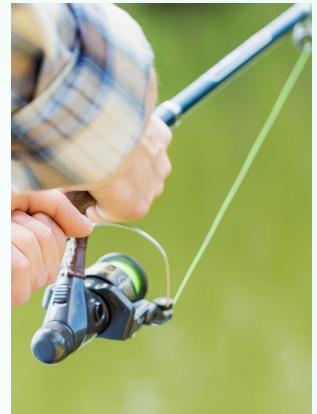
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Updates from YOUR LIBRARY



NEW YOUTH SPACE AT MAIN BRANCH

There will be a new Youth Space at our Main Branch for people ages 13-18 this spring. Teens are welcome to hang out in the space, which is intended to be comfortable and welcoming. A launch event will be held Wednesday, May 29.

The space includes youth-friendly furniture, a large mural and a videogame console. There will also be activities available for teens to complete on their own time. This project commemorates the late Caroline Freibauer, a former Teacher Librarian who sat on the Library Board for more than a decade.

FISHING KITS NOW AVAILABLE

Fishing kits will be available to borrow from the Library. Watch our social media posts for details.

New to fishing ? Come to our Intro to Fishing Event (details on Page 8)

Members can borrow:

- Spike Ball sets (pictured above)
- Disc golf sets
- Birding kits
- Day Passes to GRCA and Ontario Parks

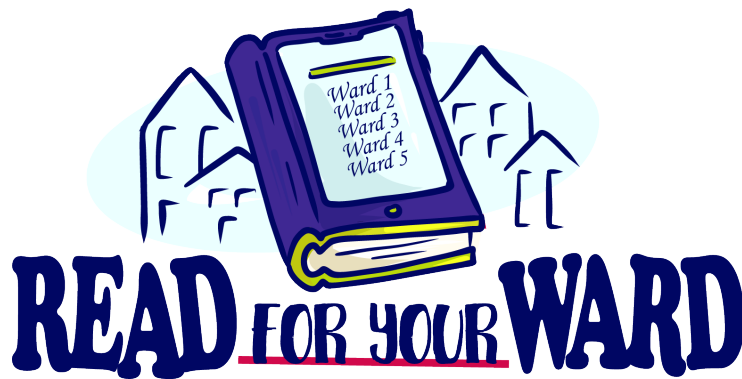
Visit www.brantfordlibrary.ca/health for more info.

FRENCH LANGUAGE EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

Access thousands of eBooks and audiobooks on your computer and smart device through our new Cantook Station service (and the Aldiko app). People can borrow up to seven titles per month and you can place holds on three items per month.

Visit www.brantfordlibrary.ca/digitalservices for a full list of eBook and Audiobook platforms offered by the Library.

Adult, teens and children's SUMMER READING



Log your reading for a chance to win this summer

Kids, teens and adults can log their reading all summer long for a chance to win weekly and grand prizes. Plus, we'll track which Ward in Brantford reads the most as part of our Read for Your Ward challenge.

How to participate:

1. Read a book or eBook or listen to an audiobook
2. From **June 22 to August 24**, people can submit their reading by:
 - Submitting a paper ballot in the Library
 - Submitting an online form through our website
 - Visiting a Library Branch and reporting to Library staff (children only)

Age categories:

- 0-12 - Children's TD Summer Reading Club
- 13-17 - Teen Summer Reading Contest
- 18+ - Adult Summer Reading Contest

Giveaways and Prizes

Reading journals will be given out to kids, teens and adults to decorate and keep a personal record of their reading on a first-come-first-served basis beginning June 22.

Plus, we will have weekly and grand prizes for participants in each age category.

Summer Reading Celebrations

This year, we invite **ALL** of Brantford to a mid and end-of Summer Reading Party on Saturday, July 20 and August 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This reading celebration is in place of the year-end movie screening held in past years. Watch our website for details.

Visit brantfordlibrary.ca/summerreading

Get a Summer Reading Journal

Adults, teens and kids can stop by our Summer Reading Desk to pick up reading journals they can personalize.

Journals will be available beginning June 22. Adults can take their journal home to decorate, while kids and teens can decorate their journals in the Library.

Get a Yard Sign!

Limited quantities of Read for Your Ward lawn signs will be available at the Library beginning June 22.

What is a Ward?

Brantford is divided into five wards, which are used for municipal voting. Each ward has roughly the same number of residents. Check the summer reading link for a larger map of Brantford wards.

Children's Events

Check program listings for locations, times and registration info.



MARVELOUS MONDAY EVENTS

On Mondays in July and August, we'll host an exciting event for the whole family! See the line-up of activities below.
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. / Main

Date	Event Description
July 8	Live Canadian Raptor Conservancy's birds of prey show
July 15	Magic show with Scott Dietrich - voted "Best Children's Entertainer" for eight straight years
July 22	Club Rex - an interactive show with dinosaur skulls from collections around the world
July 29	Little Ray's Nature's Ninjas - featuring live animals!
August 12	Miss T the Bubble Queen's Bubbleology Show
August 19	Trolls Party with bubbles, music, face painting and a visit with Poppy!

SPECIAL EVENTS

PA Day Crafts and Activities

Drop by the children's area in the Main Branch for crafts and activities that will encourage kids to learn, play, and explore. While supplies last.
Monday, June 3 / 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. / Main

Happy Birthday Rags!

It's Rags' birthday and you're invited! Come celebrate our favourite Library dog's birthday with a bark-worthy storytime and celebration.
Monday, June 24 / 10:30 a.m. / Main

MAY AND JUNE WEEKDAY EVENTS

Kids Night Out

Enjoy hands-on activities incorporating science, technology, engineering, art and math.
Tuesday May 7 to June 25
6 p.m. / Main

Storytime at St. Paul

Preschoolers will develop a love for reading through various activities.
Wednesdays May 1 to June 19
10:30 a.m. / St. Paul

Crafty Kids Storytime (ages 2-5)

Preschoolers will enjoy a story and craft.
Thursday May 2 to June 20
10:30 a.m. / Main

Chess Club

Members of the Brantford Chess Club offer basic instruction and tips during this drop-in event.
Saturday May 11, 25 and June 8, 22
10 a.m. / Main

Stay and Make Club

Supplies will be available to complete a unique hands-on activity. These activities are appropriate for ages six and up, but younger ages are welcome with the help of an adult. Available until supplies last.
Saturday, May 11 and June 8 / 10 a.m.
Main

Children's Events

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DROP IN WEEKDAY SUMMER EVENTS

MONDAY

Baby & Me Storytime

Enjoy rhymes, sensory development activities, stories, and more.

Begins May 6 / 10:30 a.m. / Main

No program May 20, June 24, July 1, Aug. 5

TUESDAY

The Story Garden

A garden-themed storytime at the St. Paul Garden for the whole family.

July 2 to Aug. 20 / 10:30 a.m. / St. Paul

WEDNESDAY

Season of Kindness

Each week, kids and families can create something special for a community partner in need. Then share the experience of donating and making a positive change in our community!

July 3 to August 21 / 2:30 p.m. / Main

Play Date in the Square

An outdoor play date in Harmony Square! Weather permitting.

July 10 to Aug. 21 / 1 p.m.

Harmony Square

THURSDAY

Come Play! – EarlyON

Babies and children from birth to age 6, with their parents/caregivers, can drop in for a free play and inquiry-based program.

May 2 to Aug. 29 / 1:30-4 p.m. / Main

Backyard STEAM

Join us in the St. Paul backyard to create and experiment with hands-on activities and maybe even some robots.

July 4 to Aug. 22 / 10:30 / St. Paul

Canoe Storytime

Meet us at the canoe in the Children's Department for stories, songs, and activities.

July 4 to Aug. 22 10:30 a.m. / Main

FRIDAY

Summer Crafts and Activities

Drop by for some crafts and activities. While supplies last.

July 5 to Aug. 23 / 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. / St. Paul

SATURDAY

Dungeons and Dragons Campaign

An experienced Dungeon Master (DM) will guide you through the game, serve as referee and storyteller, and keep you engaged in a linked series of adventures ("campaign"). This group is for ages 10-16. No experience required. **Registered**

May 4, 18, June 1, 15, 29, July 13, 27 and Aug. 10, 24
10 a.m. / Main

Children's Events

Check program listings for locations, times and registration info.



SUMMER TUTORING

Boost your child's literacy, math and French skills with one-on-one tutoring through our Read On Summer Tutoring Program.

Children entering grades 2 to 6 are paired with a trained tutor for one-on-one sessions over two weeks. Each daily session lasts one hour.

Tutoring sessions will be held at the Main Branch (Mon- Fri) and the St. Paul Branch (Tues - Sat) during these blocks:

- 1) July 2 - 13
- 2) July 15 - 27
- 3) July 29- Aug. 10 (no session Monday, August 5)
- 4) Aug. 12 - 24

While tutors are specially trained and have experience working with children, tutors are not qualified to work with children with special needs.

Online registration opens Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Visit www.brantfordlibrary.ca/summertutoring



Tweens and Teens Events

Check program listings for locations, times and registration info.



JUST FOR YOUTH

Crossroads Youth Drop-In

A safe and inclusive environment for youth ages 13-19 to hang out with one another and participate in a variety of activities and workshops that promote skills building, personal growth, and community engagement. There is the option for one-on-one support with a youth outreach worker. These workers will be available to provide guidance, advice and support. Contact Megan (Youth in Transition Worker – megan.potvin@ymcahbb.ca), or Jess (Youth Outreach Worker - yow.jess@wesley.ca) for information.

May 1 - June 26 / 3:30-6:30 p.m. / Main

July 3 - Aug. 28 / 4:30 to 6 p.m. / Main

Queer Youth Lounge

A fun and engaging drop-in for identifying 2SLGBTQIA+ youth ages 12-18. There will be snacks provided and fun activities for youth. This drop-in is designed to provide a safe environment for identifying youth to meet other youth that identify, to help provide an understanding and to show connection. Contact Nick (Youth Outreach Worker) - yow.nick@wesley.ca for information.

Fridays May 3 to Aug. 30 / 3:30 p.m. / Main

Tween STEAM

Meet every Tuesday throughout the summer to explore art projects and STEAM-related challenges. Activities will include Perler beading, henna, DIY marble runs with Lego, jewelry making, and Sphero painting.

Tuesdays July 2 to Aug. 20 / 2:30 p.m. / Main

NEW YOUTH SPACE AT MAIN

A new Youth Space will be launched at the Main Branch during an after-school event on Wednesday, May 29. Watch our website for event details.

The Youth Space includes youth-friendly furniture, a large mural and a videogame console. There will also be passive activities available for teens to complete on their own time.

Launch: Wednesday, May 29 / Time TBD / Main Branch

Adult Events

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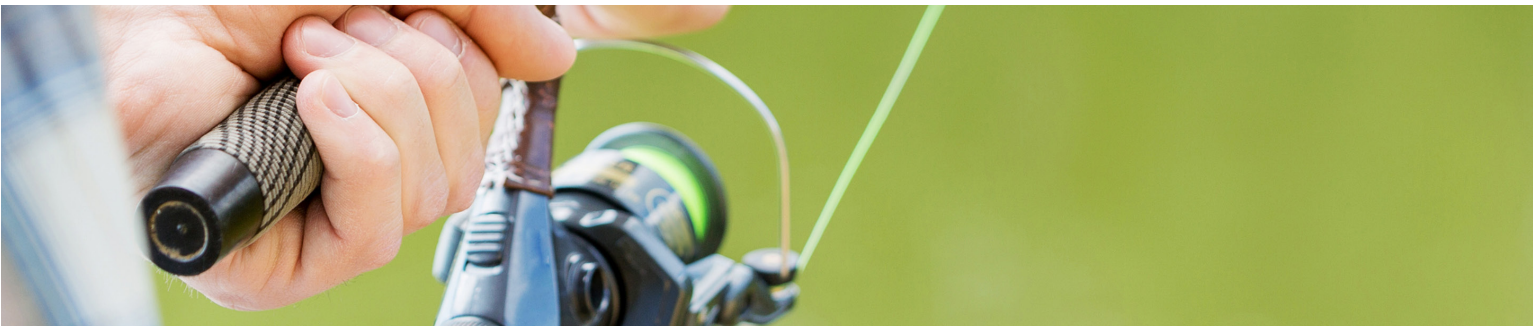
Wine and Cheese Author Event featuring Farzana Doctor

Enjoy wine, light refreshments, and a discussion with celebrated author Farzana Doctor. Doctor is a writer, activist, and psychotherapist. Her ancestry is Indian, and she was born in Zambia before immigrating to Canada in 1971. She has received multiple awards for her writing and activism.

Her internationally recognized and award-winning novels include *Stealing Nasreen* (2007), *Six Metres of Pavement* (2012), *All Inclusive* (2015), and *Seven* (2020). Most recently, she published a collection of poetry entitled *You Still Look the Same* (2022) and just finished work on a young adult novel. Wine is available at the event for \$5 and refreshments are complimentary. Come and celebrate Asian History Month!

Registration opens April 15

Thursday, May 23 / 6:30 p.m. / Main



Introduction to Fishing

Two local fishing experts will lead discussions on everything you need to know about fishing on the Grand River! This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn tips, tricks and skills to successfully fish on the Grand.

Larry Mellors will deliver a talk at 11 a.m. that covers angling ethics, tackle selection, casting techniques and more. Mellors is the President of the Brantford Steelheaders, past vice-president of Trout Unlimited Canada and winner of the Canadian National Fisheries Award. A former high school teacher with 43-years of experience, Mellors now runs a fly-fishing guiding business where he acts as the head guide.

Adam Merrifield will lead a talk at 1 p.m. that provides information on the Grand River, water safety, and more. Merrifield is the author of *Mighty Smallmouth: Catching Big Bass on Small Water*.

Registration opens April 8

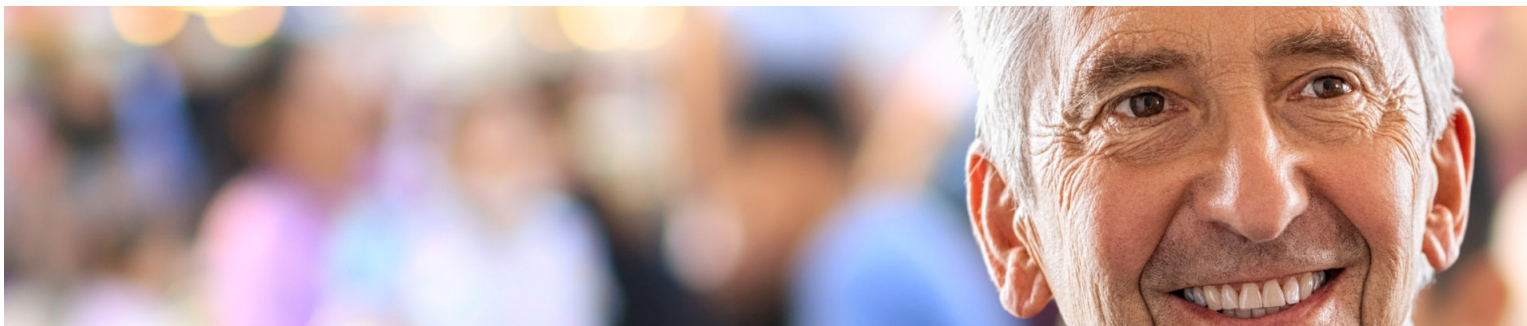
Saturday, May 11 / Main

11 a.m. - Larry Mellors talk

1 p.m. - Adam Merrifield talk

Adult Events

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sounds of Spring: A Guitar Society of Brantford Concert featuring the Bell City Strummers

The Guitar Society of Brantford invites you to an afternoon of music at the Main Branch with special guests the Bell City Strummers. Come hear music on acoustic guitar, played in concert or in solos, and ukulele.

Saturday, May 4 / 2 p.m. / Main

Seniors Day at the Library

The Library's Seniors@BPL Committee invites you to drop in to an event featuring agencies, companies, and organizations that serve seniors. There will even be a presentation from Brantford Police Chief Rob Davis. A great chance to learn about health services, support available in the community, and have some fun! This event is free and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Wednesday, May 29 / 1-4 p.m. / Main

SUMMER READING JOURNAL TAKE AND MAKE KIT

Adults can take home reading journal decorating kits. Each kit contains a journal and supplies to create mandala designs and your own motifs. Available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. Kids and teens can get journals to decorate in the Library. Available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Available Monday, June 22 at the Summer Reading Desk at the Main Branch

REGULAR MEET UPS AND EVENTS

Yoga in the Library

Wind down with a session of yoga. Drop in to join Catherine Labrecque-Rowntree in exploring that day's choice of gentle yoga. Dress comfortably and bring a mat and water.

Weekly on Fridays beginning May 3 / 11 a.m. / Main

A Place to Be presented by Belonging Brant

Connect with us every Thursday. Learn about more Belonging Brant groups and initiatives through belongingbrant@gmail.com / 519-758-5394 ext 204 and belongingbrant.com

Thursdays / 2-3:30 p.m. / Main

Bell City Strummers: A Community Ukulele Group

The Bell City Strummers will meet at Glenhyrst Gardens during the Library's summer hours. Please contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca to confirm what to bring and/or for directions.

Sunday, May 12, 26 and June 9, 23 / 2 p.m.
Glenhyrst Gardens (20 Ava Road)

Alzheimer Society's Social Cafe

The Alzheimer Society's Social Café is a welcoming space offered weekly where persons living with dementia and their care partner can socialize, build support networks and enjoy dementia friendly activities together.

Call 1-800-565-4614 ext. 421 to register.

Weekly on Mondays beginning May 1 / 2 p.m. / Main

Adult Events

Check program listings for locations, times and registration info.



CRAFTING AND CREATIVITY REGISTERED WORKSHOPS

Therapeutic Crafting

If you've ever wanted to learn more about yourself and others, counselling techniques and psychotherapy but found it too intimidating or expensive, now's your chance! Discover therapeutic techniques with a registered psychologist while indulging in a mini craft.

Registration opens May 15

Wednesday, June 19 / 2 p.m. / Main

Customize a Planter (Workshop for Adults)

Learn the basics of creating designs using Silhouette Studios software and create a custom design for your planter. We'll provide everything you need. If you wish to register more than two people from a family or group, please contact Amy at

awoodhouse@brantfordlibrary.ca.

Registration opens April 7

Tuesday, May 14 / 6 p.m. / Main

Customize a Planter (Parent & Child Edition)

Parents and children (10+) will learn the basics of creating designs in the Silhouette Studios software and together create custom designs for their planters. We'll provide everything you need. **Registration opens**

April 7

Tuesday, May 7 / 6 p.m. / Main

CRAFTING EVENTS

St. Paul Crafters Circle

Join our informal drop-in knitting group at the St Paul Branch. Drop in for company, conversation and sharing. Be sure to bring along your knitting and other needlecraft projects!

Thursday, May 2, 16, 30, June 6, 20, July 4, 18 and Aug. 1, 15, 29 / 6 p.m. / St. Paul

World Wide Knit In Public Day Event

Celebrate World Wide Knit in Public Day with the Library. Bring your knitting or crafting project, sun protection and a lawn chair. Light refreshments will be provided.

Saturday, June 8 / 12 p.m. / St. Paul



Adult Summer Reading Contest

Track your reading from June 22 to August 23 to get entered into weekly and grand-prize draws.

Plus, all of your submitted reading will go towards the Read for Your Ward challenge, which will see which ward in Brantford can read the most this summer.

www.brantfordlibrary.ca/summerreading

Adult Events

Check program listings for locations, times and registration info.



WRITING AND LANGUAGE EVENTS

How to Tell Stories: Tips, Techniques & Telling Tales

Whether coaxing your kids to sleep at night or pitching an idea at work, it pays to be a persuasive and engaging storyteller. Come join a supportive and interactive workshop with the Brant Story Time Entertainers! **Registration opens April 2**

Wednesday, May 15 / 6 p.m. / St. Paul

Brantford Writers' Circle Poetry Reading

Calling all local poets and aspiring poets! Come enjoy the BWC's annual celebration of poetry by listening to original works or sharing your own. (Register at the door to read or perform your work.)

Saturday, May 18 / 2 p.m. / Main

Writers Support Circle

Sit down with members of the Brantford Writer's Circle, a group of writers who meet as equals in a friendly exchange of ideas about each other's work. Contact Robin at rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca to register

Monday, May 27 / 5:30 p.m. / Main

Canada Connects: English Conversation Circles

Canada Connects helps newcomers ages 18+ receive informal support enhancing their spoken language skills. Volunteer facilitators organize conversation circles along certain social themes that are discussed each session.

These conversation groups provide newcomers and volunteers the opportunity to meet other newcomers, share experiences, socialize and make new friends. A partnership of YMCA Immigrant Services – YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford and Brantford Public Library, supported by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Call 519-752-4568 ext.3645 for information. **Mondays and Tuesdays May 6 to July 30 / 6 p.m. / Main**

Senior Storywriters

Senior Storywriters is a creative writing group for seniors (55+). Through group discussion and peer support, participants will learn about the craft of writing, and practice turning story ideas into engaging narrative tales. Topics are decided upon by the group and led by a designated facilitator. **Contact Heather at**

hbrown@brantfordlibrary.ca to register. **Tuesday, May 14, 28, June 11, 25, July 9, 23 and August 6, 20 / 2 p.m. / Main**

BOOK CLUBS

Contact Robin at 519-756-2220 ext. 3356 or email rharding@brantfordlibrary.ca for information. Space is limited.

Brantford Book Worms

This book club meets the last Tuesday evening of the month. **Registered**

Tuesday, May 28 / 6:30 p.m.
St. Paul

Grand River Book Club

This book club meets one Thursday per month. **Registered**

Thursday, May 9 and June 13
2 p.m. / St. Paul

St. Paul Readers Circle

This book club meets one Friday per month. **Registered**

Friday, May 17 and June 21
2 p.m. / St. Paul

Main Book Club

Meets once a month at the Main Branch. **Registered**
Wednesday, May 8, June 12,
July 10, Aug. 14 / 2 p.m. / Main



SOCIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Social Services Outreach Worker Drop-In

One on one assistance with things like finding community resources, getting government ID and more.
Monday-Friday
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 / Main

Community Connections

An adult drop-in program designed to link people to community resources. Refreshments are served.
Fridays / 2 - 4 p.m. / Main

Service Canada Outreach Specialist

A Service Canada Outreach Specialist can provide one-on-one assistance to help access government of Canada programs.
Thursdays / 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / Main

Brantford Native Housing Support

A housing search support for Indigenous populations.
Tuesdays / 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Main

Get Inspired to read this summer

We want all of Brantford to read this summer and talk about reading with their friends, family and neighbours. Here are a few ways you can read (or listen to books) which can be entered into our summer reading challenge.

eBooks and Audiobooks

Download eBooks directly to your smart device! Our OverDrive service - and its **Libby app** - has nearly 20,000 popular eBooks available to borrow. The **Hoopla** service, meanwhile, has more than 700,000 eBooks available on demand. The **Cantook Station** service has French-language titles for people of all ages. **TumbleBooks** also offers titles for kids.

Graphic Novels

The Library offers an extensive collection of physical and digital graphic novels and comics. The **Hoopla** app alone has more than 25,000 titles available. These are great for teens and any people who are interested in reading items that are connected closely to pop culture.

Book Club in a Bag

Start a book club with friends, family and neighbours with our **Book Club in a Bag** program. This service gets you ten copies of one book for six weeks. There are more than 150 titles to choose from.

Grab and Go Bags

Finding a book that interests you can be difficult with all of the choices out there. That's why we offer a Grab a Go service! Just let us know what type of book you are looking for and our staff can put together a bag of books based on your preferences.

Visit www.brantfordlibrary.ca/summerreading for more details on the above